HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—*Monday, January 24, 2000*

This being the date fixed by the 20th amendment of the Constitution of the United States by Public Law 106–127, the Members of the second session of the 106th Congress met in their Hall and, at noon, were called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. UPTON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 24, 2000.

I hereby appoint the Honorable FRED UPTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

On this new day, our hearts and minds, our thoughts and feelings are open to Your good spirit, O God, and to the abundance of Your gifts and blessings. We recall the words of understanding and peace and tolerance; we remember the words of joy and wonder and thanksgiving and we are thrilled by words of unity and hope and love. On this special day, we pray that these good words will find a place in our hearts and that we will show forth in our lives the beauty and marvel of Your gifts to us and to all people. This is our earnest prayer. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BALLENGER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BALLENGER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to Section 2 of House Concurrent Resolution 235, 106th Congress, the House shall conduct no organizational or legislative business on this day. The House will follow the practice announced by the Speaker at the con-vening of the second session of the 102d Congress under a similar order.

Bills and resolutions introduced today will be numbered today but will not be noted in the RECORD or referred by the Speaker until January 27, 2000. Executive communications, petitions, and memorials will not be numbered or referred until January 27, 2000.

WHEN WILL THE PEOPLE'S WORK BE DONE?

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, the reports that the House is returning to work today are inaccurate. This House will complete month one of the new millennium with no action either on this floor or in committee on any of the major issues that this country faces. Nothing on education, nothing on Social Security, nothing on the environment, nothing on tax reform, nothing on health care or prescription drugs for seniors. There is some question as to whether this House will even vote on the trivial matters that usually occupy its time during the entire month of January.

With an abbreviated year and the opportunity for meaningful action largely ending in July, I think this is unfortunate.

This Thursday we will hear from the President about the State of the Union. But we already know the state of this House: Its lost in inaction.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. KILDEE) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KILDEE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. SLAUGHTER.
Mr. CRAMER.
Mr. ANDREWS.
Mr. KUCINICH.
Mr. PALLONE.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BALLENGER), to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. OXLEY.
Mr. REGULA.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following dates present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of following titles:

On December 2, 1999:

H.R. 3443. To amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide States with more funding and greater flexibility in carrying out programs designed to help children make the transition from foster care to self-sufficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3419. To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

On December 6, 1999:

H.R. 1180. To amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, and for other purposes.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT SUBSEQUENT TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

December 3, 1999:

H.R. 20. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River on land owned by the State of New York.

H.R. 322. An act for the relief of Suchada Kwong.

H.R. 1555. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

December 6, 1999:

H.J. Res. 85. Joint resolution appointing the day for the convening of the second session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress.

H.R. 459. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act for FERC Project No. 9401, the Mt. Hope Waterpower Project.

H.R. 1094. An act to amend the Federal Reserve Act to broaden the range of discount window loans which may be used as collateral for Federal reserve notes.

H.R. 1191. An act to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service in Chicago, Illinois.